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blems caused by limiting passengers and cargo because the aircraft cannot handle them as in the past," said Fountain. "You will be able to stand upright in the plane and there will be room for carry-on luggage under the seat."

The aircraft has two rows of single seats on each side of the plane with a aisle down the middle.

The company has agreed to provide essential air service to the Vernal area for two years, with a

before it closed.

Fountain said he is considering employing local residents when the company begins serving the area. The company has been providing essential air service to small community since 1982. Fountain said the aircraft have access for the disabled. There will be an x-ray machine set up on the Vernal terminal building to provide security for the airline when it starts providing flights.

Express Editor

Petitioners for a change to a council form of government have submitted enough signatures to the Uintah County Clerk to have the issue put before the public at a general election.

Last week the Clerk-Auditor's office certified the signatures and informed the Utah Attorney General about the certification.

"We have collected between

for a change in county government. Only 1,283 signatures were required to put the issue to a public vote.

Also the committee has submitted an option plan for Uintah County Government which must be approved by the Utah Attorney General's Office. They will verify that the plan does not violate any Constitutional statutes or break any laws. The plan would have to be

goes into effect.

The proposed county government would be a three-person county and replace it with a seven-part-time county council. The council members would be elected at large and from geographical districts. A quorum of the council would consist of four members.

The council would be responsible for the activities of the county. The county manager is an "at will" position. The manager could be removed by a majority vote of the council. The manager would be responsible for the implementation and direction of the county's divisions, sections or departments now constituted or as may be constituted in the future but not the executive activities of the county. The manager would be elected official.

Although the committee has their plan, the Attorney General's election would not be in November 2002. It is in conjunction with the Election.

"I have had conversations with two attorneys since then and they are working on it," Goddard said in an interview. "Even if they want to they cannot with who knows what come a long way and good chance of making

Present county officials are in the change to a county government. They claim the part-time council would have the time to manage the county manager would have much power.

"Instead of three, we would have seven directly accountable to County citizens, a council is directly accountable seven council members. Lorna Stradinger.

Members of the believe that the council would only have power over the council and the planning the council. The always be dismissed by vote.

Diamond Mountain road damaged by heavy equipment operator

By Steven R. Wallis
Express Editor

Members of the Diamond Mountain Landowners Association are demanding repair of about 10 miles of seasonal road which was opened by a contractor who is mining limestone on the National Forest.

About 10 miles of the Diamond Mountain Road was plowed. The first three miles of disturbance is on Forest Service property while the remaining is on a Uintah County Road which connects with Jones Hole-Diamond Mountain highway.

"We believe that Mitchell Construction should repair any damage to the Forest Service road that he may have done," states a letter to the Forest Service from the property owners. "We would really appreciate the Forest Service not allowing this road to be opened before the natural melt of snow."

Bert Kulesza, Forest Service supervisor, said the incident has been turned over to the law enforcement division of the forest.

"Actual damage at this point is hard to determine because recent snow has covered the road."

Kulesza said that the contractor does not have a permit to haul on the road east of the mine. The normal haul route is a couple of miles west to SR-191 and south to the Deseret Bonanza Power plant. The limestone is used in the plant's air purifying process.

Kulesza said that a cat operator had contacted him and apologized for the damage and said the road would be restored to its original condition. Some homeowners said the damage would be difficult to repair because snow, gravel and dirt were hauled and dumped over a



Diamond Mountain Road is damaged by heavy equipment which has landowners demanding that the damage be repaired and not repeated.

fence.

Uintah County Commissioner Cloyd Harrison said the county was aware of the problem and would wait for the Forest Service's assessment before determining what should be done.

Property owners along the road object to it being open in the winter, because of increased vandalism.

"This opens the area up to trespassers into some 15 cabins and other facilities," states the letter to Uintah County Commissioners.

Kulesza said he didn't know who were the operators of the heavy equipment that did the damage, nor did he know why they went over a gravel road, when they could have gone down SR-191.